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In re the Application of: Kazuo TESHIROGI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1733

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 March 31, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 9, 2006.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I Claims 1-9 and 15-17; and Group II Claims 10-14.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I Claims 1-9 and 15-17 and elect the Species I of Figures 4. Claims 1-3 and 15 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

Response to Restriction and Species Requirements Application No. 10/718,653 Attorney Docket No. 032131

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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